

Nectarines

Number of Orchards and Trees: The number of commercial fruit growers with nectarines declined from 174 in 1997 to 135 in 2002. Also, the number of commercial nectarine orchards with 100 or more trees decreased from 85 in 1997 to 61 in 2002, down 28 percent. The number of trees in nectarine orchards decreased from 112,005 in 1997 to 52,116 in 2002.

Acreage in Orchards: Nectarine acreage decreased from 957 acres in 1997 to 437 acres in 2002, down 54 percent. During that same period, trees per acre rose from 117 in 1997 to 119 in 2002.

Location of Trees: Fruit Region I accounts for 61 percent of the total 52,216 nectarine trees. Adams county led all counties in 2002 with 44 percent of total nectarine trees. Other leading counties are: York, Berks, and Lycoming.

Age of Trees: The percent breakdown of nectarine trees by age group for 2002 was: 1 to 3 years old, 4 percent; 4 to 6 years old, 11 percent; 7 to 21 years old, 77 percent; and 22 years and older, 8 percent.

Varieties: The leading nectarine varieties in 2002 were: Fantasia at 33 percent, Redgold at 21 percent, and Sunglo and Summer Beaut at 12 percent.

Pennsylvania: Nectarines (Commercial) - Comparison of Orchards, Tree Numbers and Acres by Size of Operation, 1992, 1997 and 2002

Trees	Number of Orchards			Number of Trees			Number of Acres		
	1992	1997	2002	1992	1997	2002	1992	1997	2002
1 - 99	96	89	74	3,089	3,049	2,498	40	37	37
100 +	90	85	61	112,420	108,956	49,618	969	920	400
Total	186	174	135	115,509	112,005	52,116	1,009	957	437

Pennsylvania: Total Nectarine Trees, 1978-2002

